

*Accolade applauded by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Governor Ted Strickland, Senator Sherrod Brown and Congressman Tim Ryan*

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(Washington, DC) – In yet another sign that Youngstown is turning things around, the city was honored in this month’s Entrepreneur magazine as one of the top ten best cities in America to start a business. The article cites the work being done at the Youngstown Business Incubator, the work of the area’s “dynamic congressman and energetic young mayor” and the affordability of the region as all contributing to the improving climate.

“Given Tim Ryan’s relentless advocacy for his congressional district in Washington, it does not surprise me to see that Youngstown was recognized as a top place in the nation to start a business,” said Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. “During my travels to the Mahoning Valley, I saw a region that consistently looks to the future. This well-deserved recognition is yet another sign that the efforts of Congressman Ryan and local business leaders and institutions are starting to yield results that will position Northeast Ohio to take advantage of the emerging green economy.”

“Youngstown is making the transformation from a historic manufacturing powerhouse to a

place where investments are being made in the innovative jobs of the future,” said Governor Ted Strickland. “I am proud of this recognition and hopeful that more start-up businesses will recognize the potential to grow and thrive in Youngstown.”

“I’m thrilled that the nation now knows what so many of us in Ohio know, Youngstown is leading the way in business innovation,” said Senator Sherrod Brown. “This is well-deserved recognition for the Youngstown Business Incubator and for Turning Technologies. I look forward to continuing to work with Youngstown’s business and community leaders to strengthen local industry and create new jobs.”

“For generations, our community has been an innovator and leader in manufacturing and business giving rise to some of America’s best known brands and companies,” said Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17). “We have a spirit in this region that says that when we get knocked down, we get back up again and move forward. That is what’s happening right now. We’re getting back up and we will once again be a national leader that puts out the must cutting edge products, technologies and builds some of the world’s greatest companies.”